

**Town of Trumbull Ad Hoc  
Cable Television Advisory Committee  
Minutes of January 11, 2007 Meeting**

In attendance: John Annick, Kate Donahue, Vince Fini, Jeff Hackett, Brian Hyland, Jim Lang, Marilyn Lord, Debbie Owen, Tony Pijar, Jim Somers, Andy Spalla, Shawn Tait, Leisa Taylor, Pattie Zablocky.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04a.m. by John Annick.

Shawn Tait stated that while Channel 17 was down for a week around Christmas due to construction at the high school, Charter Communications could not air their Channel 21 on our channel, as Shawn had requested. However, they did post a bulletin saying when Channel 17 would be back online. Construction has also caused other issues with Channel 17 uptime.

John Annick commented how we are looking for more educational programs for Channel 17.

Do to many other commitments; Barry Diamond has resigned as one of Trumbull's representatives to the Charter Cable Advisory Committee. NOTE: Deborah Cox, Trumbull Economic Development Director was appointed to fill Barry's position. John Annick also commented on the status of the videographers. Joe Vecchione has not been showing up to meetings, which he is assigned. We also have a new videographer, Dennis Guagliaone.

John Annick stated that there would soon be a series of programs for the Police Department.

The idea of AT&T and what they have to offer in Trumbull was discussed.

The minutes of last meeting were motioned to be approved by Marilyn Lord. Kate Donahue seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

John Annick requested a brief report on the Charter Advisory Committee. Jim Lang said that Charter has not been running major decisions through the Charter Advisory Committee like they should be. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a rate increase. Call Center performance has degraded. ABC is not available in high definition, while all other networks are. ABC wants to charge charter to carry their HD station, while none of the other networks are charging Charter.

Channel 12 and possibility of bringing it to Trumbull was also discussed. Marilyn Lord motioned to pursue adding Channel 12 to Charter Cable. Patty Zablocky seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

John Annick said that the committee is working with the registrar of voters for reporting district election results.

How to get people to watch Channel 17 was also discussed. One of the ideas, proposed by John Annick, was to post obituaries or other such things.

Jeff Hackett reported that Andy Spalla and Shawn Tait have been working on installing all of the new equipment, which came in very recently. Jeff also said that the next meeting should be held at the high school to view the new studio. Shawn also showed one the new cameras for the studio to the committee

Jim Lang presented his personal wireless microphone system to the committee. It contained 4 Sennheiser wireless microphones, and a Rolls rack mount mixer. Shawn stated that a system such as this might not be able to plug into our videographers cameras. John Annick suggested that we may need to find different videographers for events where an audio system is to be used.

Debbie Owen discussed the high school video production classes. She said that it would a good idea if the high school bought video cameras for taping events, which could be circulated through the media center.

Brian Hyland, the St. Joseph's High School media specialist said that the school wants to start to do video editing but they do not have any equipment to do so. He said he would need a computer and video editing software. Brian was asked to delineate their needs in order that we may determine a means to obtain or support.

Debbie Owen presented several designs for the Channel 17 logo.

John Annick said that the next Trumbull Talks would be with Rose Lodice, the Trumbull Town Clerk.

Jeff Hackett stated that he had a meeting with the Police chief on how to use E-Blast, the Channel 17 remote access software.

The committee discussed the Channel 17 T-shirt. It was decided that it should be a black T-shirt. The outline of the logo should be cleaned up. The TV should be filled in with black. Also, the black parts of the current logo should be replaced with white.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 1 at THS at 8 AM. A tour of the Ch17 studio and viewing the new equipment will take place.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24a.m.  
Submitted by Andy Spalla